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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In November 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Amber N. Meyer** (RN00142511) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of driving under the influence and operating a vehicle without an ignition interlock device when required. A search during an arrest found controlled substances in her possession taken from her employer. She also tested positive for controlled substances during a drug screen, and failed to comply with a monitoring contract requiring that she not use drugs and alcohol.

Grays Harbor County

In November 2011 the Massage Program charged **Odin E. Anderson** (MA00018828) with unprofessional conduct. He was criminally charged with malicious mischief and three counts of assault.

King County

In October 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program denied the application of health care assistant applicant **Sopheap Chea** (HC60224564). She was convicted of theft.

In November 2011 the Denturist Program charged **Traci B. Chisley** (DN00000357) with unprofessional conduct for practicing as a denturist when her license was suspended.

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In December 2011 the Medical Commission charged physician **Lynne C. Flaherty** (MD00026850) with unprofessional conduct. The treatment she provided allegedly fell below the standard when treating a patient in the emergency room.

In November 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Dan J. Hitchman** (NC60236993) and placed his certification on probation for two years due to an assault conviction. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

In November 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy assistant **Molly J. Humble** (VB00070841) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted controlled substances and stole various items from her place of employment.

In November 2011 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery charged osteopathic physician **Philip Roger Matthews** (OP00000982) with unprofessional conduct. The pain management care he provided patients allegedly fell below the standard of care.

In October 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program denied the application of health care assistant applicant **Sikham Phouthavong** (HC60061457). His registration to practice as an X-ray technician was suspended for seven years in September 2011.

In November 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional trainee **David Allan Scratchley** (CO60124992) with unprofessional conduct. He made inappropriate sexual advances toward a patient's son, entered into a sexual relationship with a patient, and represented himself as a psychologist when he doesn't have a license to practice as a psychologist in Washington. He was charged with attempted child rape and communication with a minor for immoral purposes.

In November 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy technician **Eric L. Wilson, Sr.** (VA00049888) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly diverted controlled substances from his place of employment for his own use and substituted synthetic urine in a urinalysis.

Kitsap County

In November 2011 the Board of Pharmacy reinstated the license of pharmacy technician **Victoria MacFarlane** (VA00039432).

Pierce County

In November 2011 the Medical Commission ended a probation order against physician assistant **Kristie M. Mattern** (PA10003450). Her license is now unrestricted.

In November 2011 the Massage Program ended a probation order against **Myong Pang** (MA00018747).

In November 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Jeffrey David Wilson** (CO60246245) and placed conditions against his certification. He was convicted of assault, violation of a protection order, and two counts of driving under the influence.

Snohomish County

In November 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Allison Nicole Alexander** (CO60253336) and placed conditions against her certification. She was convicted of theft, minor in possession, seven counts of forgery, identity theft, possession of drug paraphernalia, and making a false statement to a public servant.

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Metta Eabisa** (NA00177398) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly stole a television from a patient.

In November 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacist and pharmacist preceptor **Daniel L. McManus** (PH00018256, PH60006205) with unprofessional conduct. His inventory counts allegedly were off by 1,096 tablets on one occasion and 998 on another. He allegedly failed to report this theft or loss to the board.

In November 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of certified nursing assistant applicant **Rebecca J. Plante** (NC60203537). She was convicted of attempted first degree assault, theft on two occasions, escape, forgery, and vehicular assault.

In November 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional **Lisa D. Tuffs** (CP00003896) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly entered into a personal relationship with a client and tested positive for drugs during drug screenings.

Spokane County

In November 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Ronald William Beck** (HC60248452) and placed conditions against his license. His certification to practice as a nursing assistant was revoked.

In November 2011 the Medical Commission modified the agreed order against physician **Steven L. Pugh** (MD00039278). He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Thurston County

In November 2011 the Medical Commission ended a probation order against physician **Muhammad Ayub** (MD00044810). Dr. Ayub's license is unrestricted in Washington.

In November 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Amy Rachelle Edmunds** (HC60238351) and placed conditions against her license with which she must comply. In October 2011 she entered into an agreed order against her existing certified nursing assistant and health care assistant credentials.

Whitman County

In November 2011 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Alfred M Fairbanks** (DE00004076) with unprofessional conduct. His care allegedly fell below the standard when prescribing controlled substances and antibiotics for a patient without documentation justifying the prescriptions, and when keeping adequate charts of patient's medical histories, diagnoses, and treatments.

Out of State

Oregon: In December 2011 the Medical Commission charged physician **Kenneth F. Wenberg** (MD00025365) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Texas: In November 2011 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Jay T. Herington** (LP00059742) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Wisconsin: In November 2011 the Medical Commission ended a probation order against physician **Chandra S. Reddy** (MD00043121). Dr. Reddy's license is unrestricted in Washington.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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